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**MAYOR EDDIE PEREZ ASKS FOR
MOMENT OF SILENCE TO PAY TRIBUTE
TO ROSA PARKS**

(October 31, 2005)--- On November 2nd, Mayor Eddie Perez is asking Hartford residents, workers, and students to take moment to pause and reflect upon the grace and dignity of Rosa Parks.

The funeral for the Mother of the Modern Civil Rights Movement will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday in Detroit. Mayor Perez is asking people to pause for a moment of silence at that time out of respect for this great American and national treasure.

Mayor Perez says, "This is a show of respect for a woman who gave so much to all Americans. To pause for 92 seconds--- one second for every year of her life--- would be a small thank you for her great stance against injustice."

On December 1, 1955, Parks refused to surrender her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama bus.

A flyer is going home with Hartford Public School students, asking them to pay homage to Rosa Parks who died last week and for families to discuss civil rights with their children.

U.S. flags will be flown at half-staff at all public buildings on Wednesday.